RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 8th December, 2000/ 11th Agrahayana, 1922 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Sir, I have given notice for a discussion on the plight of the farmers of Andhra Pradesh ... {Interruptions)...

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Sir, ...(Interruptions) ...

SEVERAL HON. MEMBERS: Sir, ...(Interruptions) ...

Health Melas

*281. SHRI YADLAPATIVENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the places in the country where Government are organising health melas;

(b) the rationale behind organising such melas; and

(c) the estimated amount to be spent by Government on these melas?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Health Melas have been organised in Mathura (U.P.), Delhi, Kargil (J&K) and Patna (Bihar) during the year 2000.

State Governments have proposed Health Melas at Lucknow (U.P.), Ghazipur (U.P.), Imphal (Manipur), Bhopal (M.R), Guwahati (Assam) and Jaipur (Rajasthan).

(b) The Health Melas aim to demonstrate the need for quality health and family welfare services, with convergence and integrated delivery for all segments of population.

People become aware of a number of options before them in terms of the different systems of medicine (allopathy, homeopathy, ayurveda and unani etc.).

People begin to comprehend the linkages between preventive, promotive, curative and rehabilitative health care as well as between the primary, secondary and tertiary health sectors. They get sensitised to the role of Central' Government, State Government, elected local bodies, NGOs and professional organisations. The pre-mela demographic and epidemiological surveys provide data about a given city and its rural hinterland.

(c) A total cash grant of approximately Rs. 12.60 lakhs has been released by Central Government for the four health Melas held so far.

Controlling deadly diseases

*282.SHRI SURESH KALMADI: SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that diseases like dengue, Japanese encephalitis, HIV, AIDS etc. are rampant in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to control these diseases, alongwith figures of deaths in the country due to such diseases during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) As per reports received from the State Health authorities, the number of reported deaths due to Dengue, Japanese Encephalitis and HIV/AIDS during the last three years are as under:

Name of the Disease	Years and No. of Deaths		
	1997	1998	1999
Dengue	36	18	17
Japanese Encephalitis	632	507	680
HIV/AIDS	287	185	138

Both Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis are covered under the National Anti Malaria Programme (NAMP), which is a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme on cost sharing basis between the Centre and the States.